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Allen's Lone Star Ballads--Galveston & Houston

LONE STAR BANNER OF THE FREE!

Air--' Rule Britannia,'

Words by E. W. Cave.

As sung at a Concert for the
HOUSTON,



Benefit of soldier's families.
DEC. 26, '62.

1

When first from out a sky of gloom,
The Lone Star lit a Nation's way,
The vengeful tyrant saw his doom,
As freedom's banner caught each ray.

Chorus—Lone Star Banner—banner of the Free,
Texians win or die with thee!

2

Reflected once on thy broad shield,
Its golden hues were planted there;
And o'er thy sons on every field
'Tis seen amid the battle's glare.

Chorus—Lone Star Banner, &c.

3

Now, when a desolating horde,
Impelled by hate, despoil the land,
Foremost behold the avenging sword,
Borne by the Texian Patriot's hand.

Chorus—Lone Star Banner, &c.

4

In thickest fight on Shiloh's plain,
Or where Arkansas waters flow,
'Mid cannons roar and bullets rain,
Behold the Texian drives the foe!

Chorus—Lone Star Banner, &c.

5

Blood-stained and battle-torn thy folds,
From Gaines' Mill and Manassas borne—
And Death's eternal slumber holds
The boastful Zouave, his laurels shorn!

Chorus—Lone Star Banner, &c.

6

Virginia's classic soil has known—
Broad Mississippi's vales attest
Thy patriot sons; their dying moan
Is heard where Southern heroes rest.

Chorus—Lone Star Banner, &c.

7

Thy sons will prove their glorious name,
If here the foeman's tread shall fall;
Our leader bears Virginia's fame—
Texians will rally at his call!

Chorus—Lone Star Banner—banner of the Free,
Texians win or die with thee!

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